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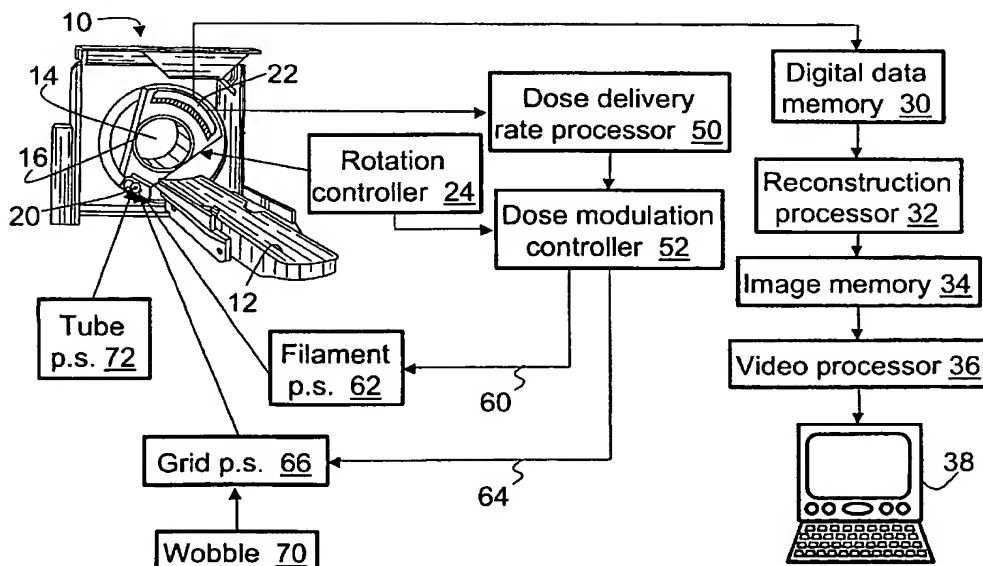
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(54) Title: HIGH SPEED MODULATION OF SWITCHED-FOCUS X-RAY TUBE



(57) Abstract: A dose-modulated irradiating system includes an x-ray tube (20) with an electro-static grid with grid electrodes (110,112) for steering the electron beam (94) on the anode (92). Grid biasing is provided for applying a time-varying electrical bias to the grid electrodes (110,112) that produces a first time-varying intensity modulation of the electron beam (94). A current of the filament (80) is modulated to produce a second time-varying intensity modulation of the electron beam (94). A controller (52) controls cooperatively combining the first and second time-varying intensity modulations to produce a combined time-varying intensity modulation.



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A dose modulated irradiating system with grid electrodes arranged for steering the electron beam

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A dose modulated irradiating system with an electrostatic control electrode to reduce an intensity of the electron beam in combination with current modulating means for generating a time varying filament current.

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